

# Iron County Register

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

### A Summary of Important Events.

**PITNEY**, Custodian of the Treasury, has refused to testify before the investigating committee, and he maintains that he cannot compel him to testify under oath.

**ANOTHER AMERICAN HORSE**, Keene's Foxhall, has carried off a foreign prize—the Grand Prix at Paris, equivalent to the English Derby. There was great rejoicing among the American residents.

It is said the Missouri Pacific Railroad will build an extension from Atchison to Omaha. The route will be through Atchison and Brown Counties, Kans., to Falls City, Neb., and thence to Omaha.

The annual reunion of the Army of the Potomac took place at Hartford, Conn., on the 8th. Gen. Sherman was the orator of the occasion, and devoted most of his remarks to a scathing criticism of Jeff Davis's book.

**SAMUEL DILABEE**, Democrat, has been elected to Congress from the Second District of South Carolina, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative O'Connor. The Republicans abstained from voting, holding that Mackey, O'Connor's opponent, was really elected last fall, and that, therefore, no vacancy existed.

**M. J. WALDRON**, Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service of the Southwest, has been indicted in the Federal Court at that city for conspiracy to defraud the Government in securing mail contracts. The indictment was found on the testimony of a bidder of a river route in Louisiana, to whom it is alleged Waldron offered to secure a contract if paid a thousand dollars.

**COL. JOHN A. WALSH**, a star-route contractor, has begun a suit in Washington against Samuel P. Brown, on a \$10,000 note, which it is alleged was given as part payment for securing the "expedition" of a mail-route. It is understood that the Government officials expect to obtain evidence through this suit of the connection between the contractors and the Post-office officials, and the developments are therefore awaited with no little interest.

A DARING attempt to blow up the Town-hall at Liverpool, England, was made on the night of the 9th. The police detected two men placing an iron pipe containing a lighted fuse against the building. The officers threw the pipe into the middle of the street, where it exploded, causing no damage further than the shattering of a few window-panes. The two men were subsequently arrested and found to be well armed and supplied with money. They have been identified as Irishmen named McKevett and Roberts.

**PROF. RILEY**, of the United States Entomological Commission, says the locusts now appearing in the West and South are two distinct broods; one is the thirteen-year and the other the seventeen-year locusts, and this is the first time they have appeared in the same year since 1860. Prof. Riley says these locusts can not do any damage except to young fruit trees, in the limbs of which they deposit their eggs. He says the notion that these locusts sting human beings is a fallacy; that a species of digger-wasp feeds on these young locusts, and people have been stung by these wasps, from which the belief sprang that the locusts sting. He says the locusts will suddenly disappear before long.

The reported arrest of Father Murphy at Skibbereen, under the Coercion act, provoked a riot, during which the Branch Bank of Munster was wrecked and other property destroyed. A special train with troops was dispatched from Cork, and at last accounts the military were quartered in the Town Hall. A party of fifty marines, sent from Bantry to quell a riot at Bally Depot, were routed by the mob and compelled to return under the protection of a priest. A large number of evictions have been made at New Falls with the assistance of the troops, who dispersed the crowd at the point of the bayonet. Serious disturbances have occurred at Cork, at Ballydoyle, in County Clare, and elsewhere. Many additional arrests of prominent Land Leaguers are reported.

The Ohio Republicans met in convention at Cleveland on the 8th. Senator Sherman was made Permanent Chairman, and in a speech of some length he took occasion to say: "We have no room in this country for a leader who commands and dictates. There never has been and there never will be room for a private dictator or a boss. The man who attempts it had better make his will beforehand." Reaffirming old principles, resolutions were adopted indorsing the administration of President Garfield and approving that of Gov. Foster. Following is the ticket: For Governor, Charles Foster; for Lieutenant-Governor, J. G. Richards, of Jefferson County; for Member of Board of Public Works, George Paul; for Treasurer, Joseph Turner; for Judge of Supreme Court, Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati; for Attorney-General, George K. Nash.

An exciting event occurred in the New York Assembly Chamber on the 9th. Just previous to the vote for United States Senator being called, Mr. Bradley, a Stalwart Republican member from Cattaraugus County, arose in his seat, and having received recognition from the Speaker, said: "I received last night \$2,500 to pay me for voting to-day for Chauncey M. Depew. I have deposited the money with the Speaker of this House, and I now ask for a committee of investigation." Speaker Sharp corroborated the statement and said that he had the money in his pocket. Messrs. Armstrong, of Oneida, and Sisson, of Washington subsequently stated that they also had been offered money to vote for Depew. A committee was appointed, and immediately after adjournment the investigation was begun. Bradley testified the money was paid him by Senator Sessions, with the understanding he was to change his vote from Platt to Depew. He accepted the money for the purpose of exposing the bribe. Sessions swore point blank he never paid Bradley the money and that there was no suggestion of money between them.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

**MURLEY ELLIS** and **WRIGHT NEWSOME**, two young men living near Wilson, N. C., met in a field and began quarreling on the 7th. Ellis had a pistol, and finally drew it and shot Newsome in the head, killing him instantly. The two gentlemen had some time ago been paying attention to the same young lady, and this was the beginning of bad feeling between them.

DURING a severe storm near Wheeling, West Va., on the 8th, a family named Straub, living on Glenn's Run, were swept away in the night, the mother and five children being drowned and the father carried on a log to the head of one of the Sisters' Islands, where he was found in an insensible condition.

THE negroes who murdered a farmer named A. F. Hall, near Lockesburg, Sevier County, Ark., were hanged by an infuriated party of citizens.

THE Department of State has issued a pamphlet containing the report of Mr. Scanlon, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department, relative to the pork industries of the United States. This report covers all phases of the pork trade, and its statements are substantiated by European and American experts, dealers, packers, hog raisers, shippers, health officers, inspectors, railroad men, etc. The pamphlet is intended for distribution in Europe, its object being to set at rest the existing prejudices against the wholesomeness of American pork products—prejudices that have in many cases been fostered for pecuniary reasons by those inimical to the American trade.

THE city of Quebec, Canada, was visited by a most destructive conflagration on the night of the 8th, which originated at the corner of St. John and Oliver Streets and spread so rapidly that the Fire Department was unable to check its progress until the entire quarter of the city known as the St. John suburbs, lying midway between St. Roch's and the Upper Town, had been swept away. The greatest confusion reigned and property spared by the flames was freely plundered by thieves. Several persons are known to have perished in the flames. Probably 600 buildings were destroyed, among them St. John's Catholic Church, the finest church edifice in the city. The total loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. The Legislative Assembly voted \$100,000 for the relief of sufferers, and large private subscriptions are being made.

A TERRIBLE riot occurred at Cork, Ireland, on the 9th, while the races were in progress. The mounted police charged the mob. There were a number of casualties on both sides. Twenty rioters were arrested.

THE centennial of the birth of George Stephenson, the originator of the railway locomotive, June 9, was celebrated in various parts of England, the chief observance being at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Stephenson's birthplace, where there was a procession of railway locomotives, nearly every railway company in the United Kingdom being represented in the line by its most powerful engines. In the afternoon there was a procession of trade societies, a hundred thousand persons participating. The occasion was also celebrated among the railway employees in various parts of the Continent.

COUNTY JUDGE HARRIS, of Perry County, Ark., and John L. Mathews, editor of the Perryville Times, have been forced to leave their homes on account of threatened violence. The trouble originated in the prosecution, by order of Judge Harris, of two delinquent Deputy Sheriffs, Green Myers and James Isham. The Times published several articles reflecting upon the delinquents, soon after which an attempt was made to burn the printing-office. The Judge and the editor then received written notice through the Post-office to leave the town within fifteen days, under the penalty of death. They left. Judge Harris arrived at Little Rock and had an interview with the Governor, who promises him all the assistance needed to protect the lives of threatened parties and to maintain the law.

THE Theater Royal, Belfast, Ireland, was entirely destroyed by fire on the 8th. THIRTY army and navy officers have been arrested in Russia during the past month on account of Nihilistic tendencies.

THE Ute Commission, with an escort of soldiers, has left Los Pinos for the Grand River country, to select the lands for the new reservation.

THE first fifty miles of the Tulsa Central Railroad, Mexico, was opened on the 9th to Cuantla. The Monlos Railroad has also been opened.

THE boiler of the steamboat John H. Hanna exploded on the 8th, near New Orleans, scalding and otherwise injuring eleven employees, all colored. Five of them died soon afterward from their injuries, and four others were not expected to recover. One was drowned. The Hanna and St. John are said to have been racing at the time the explosion occurred.

THE Post-office and Mooney's and Bayliss's stores, at Washburn, Barry County, Mo., were robbed on the morning of the 9th. One thousand dollars' worth of stamps were taken from the Post-office and \$2,000 in cash from Bayliss's store.

Two wife-murderers were sentenced in the St. Louis Criminal Court on the 9th—Wm. McQueen, two years in the Penitentiary, and James Banks, colored, for life.

AN East-bound El Paso stage was stopped and robbed by one man, who overpowered four passengers, including a soldier. The mail pouches were emptied.

REV. FATHER D. F. HAGER, a Catholic priest, and his brother were smothered to death at Corcoran, Hennepin County, Minn., on the 8th. The gentlemen were stopping with friends and slept in a close room with an imperfectly burning lamp.

At Espanola, N. M., two desperadoes, Knowles and Connors, were summarily dealt with by the vigilantes, the former being shot and the latter hanged.

ANTHONY W. GARDNER has been elected President of Liberia, and Rev. W. F. Russell, Vice-President. They are pledged to the education of the masses and numerous other needed reforms.

A PHILADELPHIA patent-lawyer, Mr. Connelly, is said to have received \$250,000 from the Bell Telephone Company for a simple device, of his invention, by which a central telephone office can be done away with.

JOE FLINT, a notorious Chicago thief, received fatal injuries while trying to escape from two detectives at Kansas City, Mo. He was run over by a train which he attempted to board, both legs being severed.

HAYES WHITE, colored, the murderer of Sheriff Beattie, of Crittenden County, Ark., was hanged at Marion on the 10th.

A MAN named Herman and his son were killed by lightning near Baltimore, Md., on the 9th. Another had a thigh broken

and several others were stunned by the shock.

A NUMBER of workmen were badly scalded by the explosion of a boiler near Fottsville, Pa., the other day, three of whom can not recover.

GEORGE C. GATLING, of San Francisco, Cal., suspecting his wife of infidelity, decoyed her into a beer garden and stabbed her to the heart.

A HANDSOME female burglar, aged 18 years, and named Frances Merch, has been captured by the Cincinnati police and locked up.

WEST POINT (N. Y.) graduates were addressed by President Garfield, Gen. Sherman, and Secretaries Hunt and Lincoln, on the 10th.

A DISPATCH from Halifax, N. S., says the Norwegian barque Mette Margoethe was wrecked off St. Paul's Island. The captain, first officer, carpenter, two seamen and a boy were drowned.

J. MARTIN, a merchant of Belknap, Tex., was called to the door of his residence by three men, seized and carried a short distance from the house and shot dead. After killing Martin they went to his store and ransacked it.

DURING the eclipse on the night of the 11th, about 200 men rode up to the Jail at Greensboro, N. C., and demanded the keys. The Jailor refusing to comply with their demands, they broke open the doors and seized John Taylor, a negro confined for an assault upon a white woman, whom they took off a distance of several miles and hanged to a tree.

Two brothers, Rub and Sidney Patrick, living near Golden, Colo., quarreled over the ownership of a dog. Sidney shot and instantly killed his brother. The murderer was arrested.

A BREAK in the Erie Canal, near Albion, N. Y., caused much damage on the 12th. The water flooded all that section, carrying away fences, bridges, etc., and working destruction in general. A woman and two children were saved by getting on a pig-pen, which floated about a mile before they were rescued.

WM. HENRY, Samuel Buckner and Peter Cook were fatally injured at Lafayette, Ind., the other day. They were tearing down the roof of the Court-house, when it fell.

THE Italian exploring party which started from Asseb Bay, Abyssinia, consisting of a subaltern officer, ten sailors and four soldiers, has been massacred in the interior.

A PASSENGER train on the Ohio & Mississippi Railway, at Vincennes, Ind., dashed into a wagon containing three men. James Bradley was seriously injured and the others badly bruised.

MISS LIZZIE HUTCHINSON and Miss Cox were killed and Mrs. Hutchinson injured by lightning while driving near Archer City, Texas.

ANDREW D. ROBESON, nephew of ex-Secretary Robeson, of New Jersey, was killed by lightning near Hunnewell, Kans., on the 12th. His clothes were literally torn from his body, his watch-chained melted, and his face and body much torn.

REINHILDER, the German who shot and robbed Al Angel, near Irish Grove, Mo., recently, was taken from Rockport Jail on the 10th by some twenty-five men and hanged.

A COLORED boy who was bitten by a spider, at Natchez, Miss., the other day, died soon after in great agony.

At Kingston, N. C., Quincy Gardiner and James Bryan engaged in a cutting affray which proved fatal to the former. They had taken up a quarrel begun by their wives, who were compelled to witness its sanguinary termination.

JOHN SCHERLUM, a prominent business man of Canton, Ohio, died on the 11th from paralysis of the stomach caused by drinking food seltzer-water.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

(BLUE EARTH CITY, Minn.,) experienced its most violent storm on the 12th. Five inches of water fell in one hour. Trees were uprooted and buildings demolished, but no great damage to the crops by hail is reported. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee, of Lura, were killed. The barn of L. J. Praber, in the same town, was unroofed, burying his daughter in the ruins. She was taken out in an unconscious condition, and her injuries may prove fatal.

JOHN P. HOWARD, of Burlington, Vt., has given \$50,000 to endow a Professorship of Natural History in the University of Vermont.

ANOTHER shock of earthquake at Scio overthrew a minaret and injured two men. A tremor in the valley of the upper Rhone extended as far as Geneva.

An earthquake has devastated thirty-four villages in Armenia. One hundred persons are reported killed and sixty injured.

ALLISON, the scout, says Sitting Bull's camp is about 175 miles north of the border line, and comprises less than one hundred persons. Those reds who surrendered last winter have petitioned for a new agency on Grand River.

R. H. NEAL, who robbed the San Antonio (Texas) Building Association of \$14,000, and subsequently forfeited his bond, has been arrested at Cartersville, Ga., where he was traveling for a safe manufacturer.

OFFICIAL dispatches to Oran, Algeria, state that General Detric defeated a body of insurgents, killing fifty. The French had two wounded.

THE Iron Mountain brakemen struck at Little Rock on the 13th.

OFFICER THOMAS MAHONY was shot dead at Chicago on the morning of the 13th by a burglar whom he undertook to arrest.

MICHAEL J. HUSTON, age 66, and his son Michael, age 30, were suffocated by foul air in a well at Frederick City, Md.

At Maysville, Ky., George Evans, a colored bootblack, aged 17, went to see his sweetheart, Ada Brown, a girl about his own age. During the evening they quarreled, and in a fit of jealous rage he drew a pistol and shot her in the face, inflicting a serious wound. He then ran to the river, shot himself through the lung, and plunged in. He was rescued, but was not expected to live.

NEAR Paducah, Ky., a negro boy died from eating mulberries poisoned by locusts depositing their eggs upon them. From the same cause several others were made very sick.

A SHOOTING affray occurred at Heeling Church, Ellis County, Texas, on the 12th. Several shots were exchanged, and one of the assaulting parties was mortally wounded.

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The State Board of Equalization have fixed the valuation of bridges in the State as follows:

Roanoke bridge (all in this State).....\$240,000  
Atchison (portion in Missouri).....140,000  
Hannibal (portion in Missouri).....120,000  
Leavenworth (portion in Missouri).....75,000  
Mississippi River at Louisiana (portion in Missouri).....125,000  
Quincy (portion in Missouri).....125,000  
St. Joseph (portion in Missouri).....70,000  
St. Louis (portion in Missouri).....200,000

The value of telegraph companies have been fixed as follows: First wire, \$60 per mile; each additional wire, \$30; batteries and instruments, per mile, \$5.

The rolling stock of the railroads has been fixed as follows:

Locomotives.....\$4,350  
Pullman palace cars.....4,000  
Passenger cars.....1,000  
Baggage cars.....1,000  
Postal cars.....1,500  
Caboose.....300  
Box and stock cars.....250  
Flat and coal cars.....300

Two men named H. B. Turner and T. Porter, traveling in the interest of the Western Medical Works of Indiana, went to the house of Wm. C. Williams, of Yatesville, Randolph County, and persuaded him into taking the agency for some patent medicine.

Williams signed a contract for \$750 worth of medicine which it is alleged the men converted into a note. They were subsequently arrested and held for trial. It is reported that a similar trick has been practiced upon other parties.

A young man named A. C. Peterson, son of a prosperous farmer living at Okolona, Jefferson County, Kansas, threw himself in front of an Iron Mountain express train at Ivory Station, just south of St. Louis, and was mangled so badly that he died within an hour. Letters from his father were found upon his person, entreating him to come home and abandon his wayward mode of life.

R. T. DAVIN's flouring-mill at St. Joseph was damaged by fire on the 7th to the extent of about \$10,000. Fully insured.

Mr. Hilbert Garrett, a conductor for many years employed on the Pacific Railroad, committed suicide at his home in St. Louis, on the 8th, by shooting himself through the heart. Mr. Garrett was for a long time conductor on the St. Louis & Kirkwood train, and was extremely popular. His health is supposed to have driven him, in a fit of despondency, to take his life.

McDonough, St. Louis Chief of Police, has resigned, and Capt. Ferd. B. Kennett is promoted to fill the vacancy.

Mr. M. O'Sullivan, the Irish Land League Secretary, addressed a large St. Louis audience, at Schneider's Garden, the other night, on "The Present Crisis in Ireland."

Joseph Snell, a young Swiss, determined to commit suicide by jumping off the St. Louis bridge into the Mississippi. Snell had a thrilling experience, and his escape from a miserable death was marvelous. As soon as he struck the water the desire for death left him, and he determined to make an effort to save himself. He tried to make the shore, but the current was too strong, so he floated down stream until he washed high and "dry" on Arsenal Island. Two colored men, rowing in a skiff, heard Snell's cries for help, and took him on board.

Lizzie Edgington, the keeper of a disreputable house in St. Louis, divided her jewelry among the inmates of her house and fatally wounded herself with pistol.

Gov. Crittenden attended the races in St. Louis.

Wm. Van Meter, employed in a rendering establishment at Kansas City, slipped and fell into the boiling fat up to his hips, literally cooking his limbs and a portion of his body. His injuries were thought to be fatal.

There is a flourishing German colony established in Butler County, near the line of the Iron Mountain Road, and twenty additional families have just arrived.

The little village of Seven Star Springs, in the southwest part of Barry County, was recently visited with a terrific storm and water-spout. An eye-witness says the clouds gathered over the valley where the town is situated, from three different directions, whirled around like a cyclone and traveled up the valley a short distance, where they broke and the rain poured down in torrents. The electricity, it was remarked, did not flash at intervals, but the whole scene was as light as day continuously; it could be felt upon the hands and face, causing a burning sensation at times. In a few moments a terrific noise was heard over the town, and an alarm was given that the waters were coming, and before all who were living in houses and tents near the spring and below it could get to the hills, the valley stream was a young torrent, sweeping everything before it—houses, tents, horses, mules, cattle and household goods. One woman and five children, the oldest 13, were swept down the stream. They all caught in the bushes, and after nearly two hours were rescued. A man, two women and two children were washed down with the flood, and they also managed to catch hold of bushes and were all saved. Fortunately no lives were lost, though there were many narrow escapes.

Buchanan County having by a decided majority defeated the scheme to fund its bonded indebtedness by issuing bonds to run thirty years and to draw six per cent. interest, the County Court has ordered an election to be held on the 21st of July to vote upon the proposition of issuing bonds to run twenty years and bear five per cent. interest.

This will make the third proposition submitted to the people of Buchanan County within a year, two of which have met defeat. The bonded debt of the county is \$400,000 principal, and \$225,000 interest and judgments.

William Ryan, alias Thos. Hill, who was arrested at Nashville in March on the charge of having robbed A. G. Smith, a Government officer, at Muscle Shoals, of \$5,000, has been taken to Kansas City to answer the charge of robbing an express train near that point, with others, about a year ago. He is supposed to be member of the Jesse James gang of outlaws.

—When a big fellow makes a peculiarly impertinent remark to you, and your youth is as it were, not very robust, the best plan is to take the remark home with you and gnaw on it after you are in bed. You will find an excellent exercise for the imagination in thinking of neat epigrammatic things you might have said in reply.

—Restaurant keepers in Paris are not permitted to throw away oyster and small shells, but must keep them in separate kegs from other rubbish for a contractor with the city, who purchases them for manufacturers of small ornaments.

### Drowning of a Mother and Five Children in a Flood.

WHEELING, W. Va., June 8.  
Early this morning this section of the State was visited by a most terrific and destructive storm of rain and hail, accompanied with thunder and lightning. The water came down in torrents. The narrow mountain streams in the vicinity of Wheeling rose rapidly, and were soon transformed from babbling brooks to raging torrents. Along the National Road bridges were swept away, farms inundated and crops destroyed. At Glenn's Run, four miles above Wheeling, an appalling loss of life occurred, an entire family of seven being swept away by the flood. The run is a mountain stream coming down a narrow gully and winding through the rich bottom-land at the base of the hills. In a shady nook on the level stood the home of Frederick Straub, the family consisting of himself, wife and five children. Now the husband alone is left of the happy household, and not a vestige of the dwelling remains.

Tuesday night Straub and his wife, with their five children, Fritz, aged eight, Mary, nine, Louise, five, Ferens, three and Albert, two, retired as usual at an early hour. About ten o'clock he was awakened by the rain, and looked out, but the stream did not seem more noisy or swollen than usual, and he went back to bed. An hour later he was awakened by his wife, as the storm at that time was at its full fury. Fearing they would be inundated by the run, which was now roaring loudly, the children were awakened and preparations made to get into the road. There was only one door to the cabin, and that faced up stream. As he opened it, it seemed as though a solid bank of water, carrying with it logs, trees and small stones, rushed under the bridge and against the house. He was thrown to the other end of the room, and it was immediately seen that there was no escape, as no one could walk against that stream. The husband tried to find an ax to cut through, but that had been left outside. There was now nothing to do but to await their fate and stare death in the face. The husband and wife embraced for the last time, and the children were kissed, and then suddenly there was a crash, a rocking and to fro of the house, followed by a sudden collapse. The wife had taken the two youngest, her babies, the father the next two, and when he found himself in the stream little Fritz was manfully buffeting the cruel waters, but soon sank from the gaze of the agonized father. A moment or so later one of the girls was torn from his arms by an overhanging bough, and the other was struck from him by a log. All of this time he had been hearing screams of his wife, who was now below him, but those were now stifled, and nothing but the rush and roar of the waters and the loud and heavy peals of thunder filled his ears. Wife, children, home and money were all gone.

For two hours he was in the water, but unable to get on the shore on account of the swift current. In the meantime he held on to the willows. About four o'clock he managed to get ashore, and soon after reached the house of a neighbor. The bodies of Mrs. Straub, Ferens and Albert have been recovered.

The damage in the valleys surrounding this city, caused by the sweeping away of houses and bridges and the destruction of crops, is estimated at \$50,000.

### A Chinese Wedding in San Francisco.

People on the verge of matrimony, and anxious to introduce some striking novelty into the wedding ceremonies, may possibly be aided by studying the account of a marriage recently celebrated in San Francisco. Mr. Lee You and Miss Ah Chung, two members of the Chinese aristocracy of that city, were the high contracting parties. The presents to the bride were from female friends only, while those to the groom were from male friends. On the second day after the marriage the newly-made husband gave a banquet to over five hundred invited guests. The dishes were such as appeal to the Chinese palate, and included swallows' nests and pheasant soup, stewed sharks' fins with chopped chicken and ham, roast Chinese goose with ginger and cucumbers, stewed mushrooms with shoots of bamboo, ducks wrapped in dry orange peel and stewed, and tea at libitum. While the guests were regaling themselves on these and other delicacies a sudden pealing of gongs and an explosion of thousands of fire-crackers announced that the bride was about to visit the entertainment. She entered the room holding a fan before her face, her bashfulness permitting her to remove it only in the case of a favored few to whom she tendered the compliment of tea drinking. After passing through the room she slowly retired backward, still keeping her face concealed from the gaze of the curious. For three days the festivities of the groom and his friends continued, after which time the bride took her turn at entertaining her friends at her father's house. But here the groom was not allowed to appear until sent for by his parents-in-law. Upon receiving notice he came and carried away his bride to his own home, and the wedding festivities were at an end.

### A Mother's Devotion.

A very peculiar case of a mother's devotion to her son, a maniac, has just come to light. About eighteen years ago a family named Harrington moved to Portsmouth, R. I. Nearly four years after, a son, William, then about two years of age, suddenly died. About three weeks ago the mother of the boy died. Some of the people at her funeral heard a strange noise, and, on going to a small, dark room in the attic, found there a young man, having scarcely any clothing, covered with hair. The husband of the woman told the following story: The young man, he said, was his son, who had mysteriously disappeared so many years ago. When about two years old the boy became insane, and soon was a raving maniac. The mother refused to let him be taken from her, but placed him in an attic room, where at times she was compelled to visit him. During all these years he had been confined there, and the mother was the only living person whom her son had seen. She was accustomed to visit him and feed him, with her own hand, and had jealously guarded her secret from the neighbors, fearing that steps would be taken to tear the boy away from her. When she died, the father attempted to follow her example, but was not equal to the task. Young Harrington has been removed to the insane asylum at Cranston, R. I.—Boston Journal.

### Impure Air and Disease.

Dr. J. Ward, health-officer of an English sanitary district of considerable extent and population, has given the *Sanitary Record* an account of a large number of instances which have come under his immediate observation in which impure air, arising either from defective ventilation or noxious surroundings, has appeared to be directly associated with diseases of the lungs or other organs. Of eight fatal cases of pneumonia occurring within a year among children and persons in middle life, in all but one the air was deduced by some neighboring source of filth. In about ninety fatal cases of diseases of the respiratory organs, other than pulmonary consumption, most of which are acute or sub-acute, undoubted defects of ventilation existed. In some cases there was no fireplace or air exit in the room; in some such opening, where it had existed, had been closed tight; in some the bed, with many in it, was in a close corner; in others the air was defiled by some neighboring household or farm nuisance. Similar defects were observed in nearly all of thirty cases of disorders of the lungs following whooping-cough. In sixteen of which last, the influence from immediately contagious typhoid, pig-sties, stables, water-closets, or sewer, was noticed. The sanitary investigation of the interior and surroundings of houses where inflammatory affections of the brain have occurred has forced upon Dr. Ward the conclusion that diseases of this class are also frequently, and it may be inferred, causatively, associated with similar insanitary conditions. In twenty-eight fatal cases of this nature, seventeen cases of tubercular meningitis, and twenty-two cases of convulsions in children, the air was either confined or polluted. Dr. Ward draws from these observations the obvious lesson that it should be the aim of sanitary administration to secure for each habitable room, and especially in the crowded cottages of the poorer classes, some suitable provision for a constant change of air. Particularly should care be taken in fixing the position of the bed so that it shall not be in a corner remote from the influence of the door, window, and fire-place, but should be near some opening through which a constant circulation may be relied upon. In transforming old houses, the provision of fresh air, now neglected and too often prevented in the arrangement of partitions, should be carefully looked after—else the sanitary condition of the house may be made worse than it was before.

### There is no place like home.

but nine men out of ten will leave it six months a year for a \$2,000 Government office in Washington.

—What would you call a young physician? A patient waiter.